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Government Headquarters Hospital, Anantapur.

* 945 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there were any representations from the people of Anantapur on the irregular medical treatment and corruption in Government Headquarters Hospital, Anantapur?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that even after his visit to Anantapur, corruption has been continuing in the Anantapur Hospital and that one Dr. Narasimhalu Naidu, who was caught redhanded by Government officials, was arrested and kept under suspension? Will the Government take serious steps for putting an end to the corruption prevailing in that hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The X-Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department is investigating the allegations against this officer. When the matter is under enquiry, it does not seem desirable to discuss it."

Water-supply Scheme for Cuddalore.

* 946 Q.—SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI [a] : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any priority was assigned to the Cuddalore Municipality in the matter of protected water-supply ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the work has been taken up and at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Cuddalore Municipal Water Supply Improvements Scheme has been assigned the first place in the Priority List drawn up by the Water Supply and Drainage Committee.

" (*b*) Orders will be issued shortly according administrative approval to the estimates for the scheme and the execution of the scheme will be taken up soon."

SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" May I know from which year water-tax is being collected by the Cuddalore Municipality, and why there has been so much delay in giving the first priority to the Cuddalore Water Supply Improvements Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot say from which year water-tax is being collected. The Council agreed to raise the water-supply and drainage tax from 3·4 per cent to 9·14 per cent per annum on 24th December 1952."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Will this work be taken up before the end of this calendar year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I hope so, Sir."

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[a] Question put by another hon. Member on behalf of Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi.

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SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that water tax is being collected from 1936 and ask whether the Government will execute the scheme as early as possible? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, attempts will be made to execute this scheme early."

Talks of the Hon. Minister with textile mill-owners and workers of Coimbatore.

* 947 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour called for a meeting of the textile mill-owners of Coimbatore and labour leaders of textile mill workers from 28th October 1952 onwards at Madras and discussed several matters regarding bonus, etc. ; and

(*b*) if so, the result of the meeting and full details of the talks?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Several matters pertaining to the cordial relationship between the mill owners and the labourers were discussed and it would not be in public interest to give details of the talks and the results."

Dogs maintained by the Police department for investigation purposes.

* 948 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of dogs maintained by the Government in the City and the rural parts respectively for the use of the police for the investigation purposes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At present 5 dogs are being maintained by the Government in the City for police purposes. No dog is being maintained in the rural parts."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" What is the amount of expenditure that is incurred on each dog? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rs. 1–13–0 per dog per day."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Who are looking after these dogs—whether police constables or servants specially appointed for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Police constables are put in charge of these dogs."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know, Sir, how many breeds of dogs there are and which among the several breeds of dogs is found to be most suitable for the purpose? "